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APPLICANT: RICHARD KNAUER, ET AL. )  
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This Reply is submitted in response to a Notice of Incomplete Reply having a mail date of 04/09/2002. Consideration hereof and withdrawal of the Notice is respectfully requested.


The Notice states that Applicants' response dated 03/06/2002 to a Notice to File Missing Parts dated 12/07/2001 is incomplete because the signature of an inventor, James Hall, is missing from the declaration/power of attorney.

Please be advised, the inventor James Hall is deceased. The deceased's legal representative, Lori S. Hall, has signed the declaration/power of attorney pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §117 and 37 C.F.R. §1.42.

Therefore, the declaration/power of attorney as originally filed is proper and, accordingly, the Notice of Incomplete Reply must be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,  
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